

Applied Skills Frequency Distribution

State: INDIANA

Grade: 3

Purpose

This report provides a frequency of points obtained by Applied Skills items.



Test Date: 09/15/08

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A Message from Dr. Suellen Reed

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Sincerely,



Suellen Reed
Superintendent of Public Instruction

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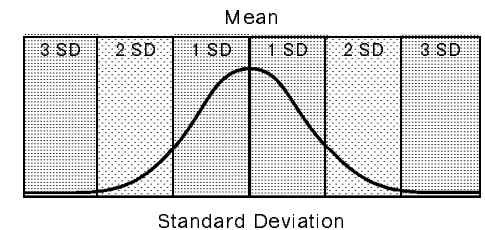
SUMMARY INFORMATION

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Median: The median is another often used "average." It is defined as the score below which half of the cases fall.

Mean Scale Score: The arithmetic average of the scale scores obtained by a group of students.

Standard Deviation (SD): A statistic that indicates the amount of variability in a group of scores. When scores are normally distributed (i.e., when they are part of a bell-shaped, "normal" curve), about two-thirds of the scores are within one SD above and below the average (mean) score and about 95% of the scores are within 2 SDs of the mean. In almost any shaped distribution, all scores will be within 5 SDs above or below the mean score.



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